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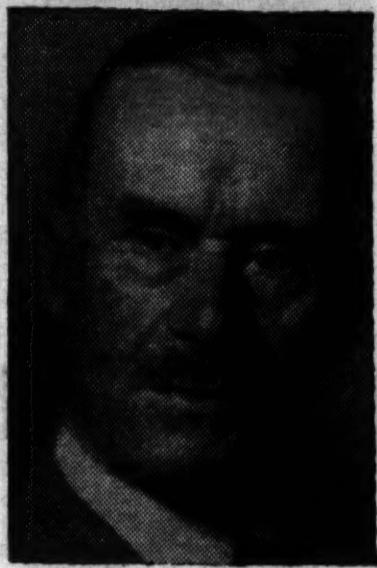


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BROADWAY BEAT

K. of C. Plans Big Radio Hoax On Communists

By Barnard Rubin

THE biggest and most vicious scare hoax in the history of radio is being prepared by the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with WOR and the Mutual Broadcasting Co.

The Knights, with \$3,500,000 to spend, are out to terrorize the progressive movement with broadcasts which will claim the organization has proof that the Communist Party plans to "rise" and "capture" New York City! They intend to announce they have "documents" with William Z. Foster's and other party leaders' "signatures" substantiating this outrageous charge. These "documents," of course, are completely phony!

The rehearsals for these broadcasts have been carried out in the greatest secrecy. Actors were pledged to silence and were checked by Briggs guards on entering and leaving the studio. No one was allowed to carry out a script. After rehearsals scripts were placed in vaults.

The program is all set and they're only waiting for the agency handling the \$3,500,000 account—Ferry and Yocom—to clinch a spot with the largest listening audience possible, for a 39-week run.

If plans go through as scheduled, the idea is that the fantastic hoax will be the signal for the greatest crackdown and terror campaign on unions, free speech, liberals

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WORLD EVENTS

Eisler Indicted, Liberals Demand End of Persecution

Fifty prominent Americans yesterday condemned "the shameful persecution of the German anti-fascist refugee" Gerhart Eisler and called for abolition of the "most un-American" House Committee on Un-American Activities. They urged that Eisler be released and permitted "to return to his homeland as he wishes."



EISLER

The statement, published by the Civil Rights Congress, was signed by Thomas Mann; Bishop Arthur W. Moulton of Salt Lake City; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Negro historian; Francis Fisher Kane, Philadelphia attorney; Dr. D. V. Jamison, president, National Baptist Convention; Carey McWilliams and others.

"The hysterical atmosphere contrived around this case indicates that this incident, involving a German Communist kept here against his will, is intended as the initial phase of a sweeping attack upon the entire labor and progressive movement in the United States," the statement declared.

"From its inception under the

chairmanship of Martin Dies, the Un-American Activities Committee has sought to confuse and disunite the American people, fomenting undue suspicions," they said. "It has hounded distinguished liberals, defamed outstanding progressives and spread irresponsible slanders against labor and anti-fascist organizations. It has tried to set itself up as an official agency of thought control and a semi-official police....

"During the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Committee waged unremitting warfare against the democratic policies of the Administration, singling out its leaders and agencies for special calumny. The wartime operations of the Committee were of such a character that

Vice-President Wallace declared that the effect on our morale would be less damaging if Mr. Dies were on the Hitler payroll.

When Dies' successor as chief spokesman for the Committee, Rep. John E. Rankin of Mississippi, publicly asserted that international Jewish financiers were chiefly responsible for the war, agencies of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry acclaimed him an outstanding American. Fifth column organizations throughout the United States have reprinted and widely disseminated Rankin's anti-Semitic and anti-Negro tirades.

FDR'S DENUNCIATION

"President Roosevelt denounced the Committee's methods as 'sordid procedure.' A chief investigator for the Committee, Edward F. Sullivan, was an anti-Semitic propagandist with a police record.

"Ex-convicts, professional labor spies, foreign agents and other disreputable characters have testified at the Committee's hearings as 'expert' witnesses against outstanding Americans. A star witness against Gerhart Eisler is William Nowell,



MRS. EISLER

labor spy and former aide to Gerald L. K. Smith."

Other signers were Prof. Kirtley Mather, Dorothy Parker, Arthur Miller, Dr. Harry F. Ward, Garson Kanin, Dr. David D. Jones, Max Weber, William Zorach, Dr. Luther P. Jackson, Prof. J. P. Peters, Rabbi Michael Alper, Louis F. McCabe, Earl B. Dickerson.

Also Frank Marshall Davis, Dashiell Hammett, Rockwell Kent, George Marshall, the Rev. William Spofford, Elmer Benson, Ellis Patterson, Vida D. Scudder, Mrs. Christine S. Smith, William J. Schieffelin, Stella Adler, Prof. Gene Weltfish, the Rev. John W. Darn Jr., the Rev. Jack McMichael.

Also Prof. Leroy Waterman, Dean Nick Comfort, Dr. C. Franklin Koch, Prof. W. H. Manwaring, Prof. Harry W. Roberts, Philip Evergood, John Howard Lawson, Dan Gillmor, Charles H. Colvin, Katherine Locke and Albert E. Kahn.



Eisler's attorneys address judge.

Judge 'Studies' Freedom Plea Again

Gerhart Eisler, the noted anti-fascist, was indicted yesterday for contempt of Congress by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington. United Press admitted that the action was a "legal maneuver" to keep the Eisler case alive. Meanwhile, in the Southern District Court of New York, Judge Francis Caffey reserved decision for the second time in two weeks on whether Eisler has been legally detained as an "enemy alien."

Eisler was present in the Federal Court in Foley Square, accompanied by four guards. A sizeable crowd of friends and officials of the Civil Rights Congress attended the hearing.

MAIN CHARGES EVADED

The significant thing about the Grand Jury indictment is that it covers only one of the five charges leveled against Eisler by the Un-American Activities Committee.

This is contempt of Congress, voted on Feb. 10, by 370 representatives against the lone protest of Rep. Vito Marcantonio.

Maximum penalty for conviction on this charge is one year in jail and \$1,000 fine, or both.

Many prominent Americans are under similar indictment following encounters both the Un-American Activities Committee.

Among these are Corliss Lamont, of the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship; George Marshall, associated with the former National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, and the entire board of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

United Press said the contempt

Marcantonio to Speak at Rally

Mrs. Gerhart Eisler and Rep. Vito Marcantonio will be among the speakers at a mass meeting held by Civil Rights Congress of New York in Manhattan Center, March 20, it was announced by Dashiell Hammett, president of the organization.

indictment was made first because the Department of Justice "is considering" the other four charges, which include alleged passport violation, income tax evasion, overthrowing the government, and perjury.

OFFENSES' EXTINCT

As friends of Eisler have pointed out, all these alleged offenses are not only ridiculous but are outlawed by the statute of limitations.

The Justice Department is trying to squeeze as much of a red-scare as possible out of the Eisler case. This accounts for the contempt indictment.

Eisler had been willing to testify before the House committees on Feb. 6, but asked to make a three minute statement first, protesting his illegal arrest. This the commit-

tee chairman, J. Parnell Thomas, refused.

The government's tactics of delay went through another round in New York before Judge Caffey, who for a second time couldn't make up his mind on whether Eisler had been legally arrested on Feb. 4.

NO ENEMY ALIEN

Eisler's lawyer, Mrs. Carol King, argued that Eisler was of Austrian parentage, was not a native, a denizen, a subject or a citizen of Germany.

Even though born in Leipzig, he owed no allegiance to Germany.

She cited cases in which the same court had ruled that any persons in this category could not be held as enemy aliens.

Mrs. King pointed out that Eisler had not previously been treated as an enemy alien. However, with the termination of hostilities on Dec. 31, 1946, there was no basis for holding Eisler in the Federal House of Detention, since the original statute on enemy aliens covered only the period of hostilities.

The U. S. District Attorney, John F. X. McGahey, argued for the government that a native of Germany meant only some-one actually born there.

He evaded Mrs. King's citation of precedents that nativity was not a function of birth, but of allegiance.

British-Soviet-French Pact Near, Ramadier Discloses

French Premier Paul Ramadier revealed yesterday that treaties linking Britain, France and the Soviet Union into a solid triple alliance may be completed "in the very near future." Ramadier told a press conference in Paris that such a three-power pact would produce an "excellent atmosphere" for the Moscow Conference of foreign ministers.

"There is reason to hope that in the very near future negotiations will result in treaties placing on all three powers similar obligations," United Press.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin yesterday announced in Commons that Britain will press at the Moscow parley for inclusion of the United States in the alliance.

Ramadier's statement was seen as a challenge to those in Britain and the U. S. who seek an anti-Soviet

treaty in Europe.

Ramadier's disclosures, coming on top of the dispute with the U. S. over Palestine, put the British in a tough spot. Referring to that dispute, Bevin protested relations between the U. S. and Britain are "most cordial." He said he would pursue negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Soviet pact. Joseph Stalin, he revealed, had sent him some new proposals.

Dispute Over Palestine

By Alan Max

Truman attacks Bevin and Bevin attacks Truman; When it comes to the other guy, each shows acumen.

HOOVER ASKS MOST FOOD GO TO FORTIFY GERMANY

Herbert Hoover recommended to President Truman yesterday that the United States and Great Britain give more food to Germany than to all other countries of the world combined.

Hoover proposed to spend \$567,000,000 on food for Germany in the coming fiscal year. This is nearly twice the sum requested by the State Department for relief in all of Asia and Europe. Hoover wants \$384,000,000 of this spent in the next six months.

What is really behind this request was made clear in Hoover's explanation:

"If western civilization is to survive in Europe, it must also survive in Germany. And it must be built into a cooperative member of that civilization."

Hoover wants America to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to revive and rebuild a Germany as part of a western bloc.

That is also the program of the recently uncovered Nazi underground in the British and American zones.

At the moment when the government and Congress is ending all relief to Byelorussia and the Ukraine, and demanding the return of vessels given to Russia, Hoover asked "that the Germans be given 75 Liberty ships."

Hoover criticized the Russians because their "army is fed upon their zone."

He also assailed frontiers which benefitted the Polish people—6,000,000 of whom were slaughtered by the Nazis.

LABOR and the NATION

Teachers Union Presses Strike Poll; Raps Dewey Plan

An immediate strike poll of New York City teachers will be asked by the CIO Teachers Union, it was announced last night. The union will ask the Teachers' Salary Conference, meeting today, to conduct the poll.

Samuel Wallach, president, and Rose Russell, legislative representative, said this was the union's reply to the report of the Governor's Special Committee on Education. The report was released Wednesday.

The union denounced the report as a "monstrosity" that cannot "solve the crisis in our schools," but is "deliberately aimed to delude the public and to divide the teachers."

Proposed substitution of a "merit" increment system for the present mandatory raises was stamped as a way of establishing "nepotism and pork barrel" in the school system.

The union statement said the salary schedule proposed would, in effect, set a maximum annual salary of \$3,428 for most New York City school teachers by ending the mandatory increment system above the six-year level.

Getting a raise beyond that, the statement said, "will depend upon the whims and favoritism of supervisory officials and open the door wide to discrimination, union-busting and reprisals."

The union warned that the overall effect of the report would be to deepen the distress of the state's educational system, not alleviate it.

"The Governor's committee has failed to solve the crisis in our schools. There is nothing in this report that will bring one additional



STUDENTS FROM Brown Vocational High School in Wilmington, Del., are shown being bounced from Wilmington High, where 300 of them went to protest seafaring in Delaware's one-day teacher strike.

teacher into our school system; nothing that will end uncovered classes; nothing that will give our children decent educational facilities."

Buffalo Teachers Study State Proposal

By Harry Raymond

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27.—School teachers, their four-day-old strike 100 percent effective, spent the day weighing recommendations for pay increases submitted by Gov. Dewey's special committee on education.

But Raymond J. Ast, president of the Buffalo Teachers Federation, said no decision would be made to end the walkout until teachers are officially advised of pending salary adjustments by Mayor Bernard Dowd.

VETS SUPPORT STRIKERS

Two hundred students of Veterans High School marched to City Hall demanding the city meet the teachers' demands and reopen the schools. Mayor Dowd met them. He said he did not approve of "unscheduled visits."

The teachers were resentful over failure of the Governor to submit a copy of the salary recommendations to their organization. They learned of the proposal through an Albany dispatch to a local afternoon paper.

Recommended salary increases, according to reports, would give Buffalo teachers a starting minimum of \$2,220 for a three years' probationary period and a \$4,150 minimum after 13 years. The top minimum would be reached through \$150 increments for seven years after the probation period and \$300 increases for the next three years.

The teachers are asking a starting minimum of \$2,400 and 12 annual increments of \$100 until they reach \$3,600. High school teachers are asking a \$1,025 increase and 16 annual \$100 increments until they reach a \$4,000 minimum.

Under proposals of the Governor's

committee, the minimum salary of Buffalo teachers would be \$200 less for the first three years than the strikers demand. But the minimum after 13 years would be more than asked by the Federation.

A teachers' spokesman said the council of delegates of the Federation would meet when concrete wage proposals were presented. He said if the proposals were satisfactory they would vote to end the strike. The membership, however, would have to be polled.

The strikers are insisting on assurances from the State and City administrations that State and local legislation will be adopted to insure satisfactory salary increases.

The report of the Governor's committee, teachers believe, marks their first step toward victory.

There were no picket lines today, for the city's 98 schools were officially closed by the Board of Education yesterday.

It is believed if teachers receive proper official notification of new salary schedules and negotiations are started at once, the schools can open Monday.

Snow Costs Dough

The snowstorm that nearly buried the city last week cost the city \$1,200,541 for cleaning up, it was disclosed yesterday at a special meeting of the Board of Estimate.

What Dewey Plan Means to Teachers

By Max Gordon

Minimum salary schedules for most teachers in New York City will actually be cut, under the proposed permanent program for teachers' salaries released by Gov. Dewey's Committee on Education yesterday. The Committee was forced to come across with its report for action by the Legislature this year as a result of the ferment of teachers throughout the state, culminating in the Buffalo teachers' strike. It gives upstate teachers regular salary increments, for which they have been fighting, but at a somewhat lower scale than they have demanded.

For this year, the teachers will get little beyond the \$2,000 minimum and the temporary \$300 raises voted by the Legislature earlier this year.

For the future, the report sets up complicated state-wide minimum pay scales in three categories of communities: those with less than 100,000 population; those between 100,000 and 1,000,000; and those over 1,000,000 which is the state's legal way of saying New York City.

The pay scales include mandatory salary increments for the first six years of service. After that, salary increments will depend upon promotion based on "merit," after the 7th, 10th, 13th and 16th year of service.

SPLITTING TACTICS

The proposed scales grant concessions to the upstate teachers but brings down city scales.

In New York City today teachers receive mandatory salary increments for 13 years. Since the report figures on giving only a certain percentage of teachers these "merit" increments after the sixth year, pay scales for the rest would suffer.

The report knocks out differentials between elementary, junior high and high school teachers and increases the scale for elementary schools in the early years of teaching and for those who get the "merit" promotions.

Substitute teachers would get 1/200 of a regular teacher's pay for every day they teach. But their experience to date will not be counted.

FUNDS

No additional money is proposed for this year beyond the \$32,000,000 voted for temporary increases last month because no wage hikes are given this year. For the future, the committee recommends the \$32,000,000 be frozen into the state aid to education formula. It figures the total program will eventually cost \$20,000,000 on top of this and suggests communities be given new taxing powers.

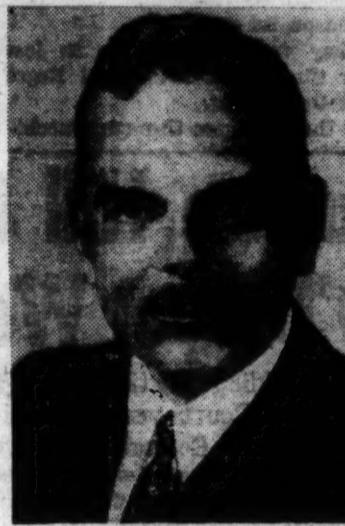
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The Belgian government is preparing legislation to provide pensions and other benefits for the ex-war prisoners who demonstrated in Brussels yesterday, it was reported.



DEWEY
His Plan Weighed

The proposals would do these things to the teachers:

- Divide the city teachers from the upstate teachers.

- Divide the high school teachers from the elementary school teachers in New York City.

- Tend to isolate the teachers from their communities.

- Break down the morale and independence of teachers by giving the supervisory force the power of discretionary promotions.

The teachers won mandatory salary increases many years ago after bitter struggle. Now it will be taken away from them if the report goes through.

The system of promotion increases and the elimination of pay differentials for elementary and high school teachers are new features.

Here are the figures in the Governor's program:

UPSTATE

For communities of less than 100,000, pay starts at \$2,000 and goes up \$150 each year for the next five years to \$2,750. If the teacher is "promoted" after that, it goes up another \$150 each for the next three years. If "promoted" again, it goes up to \$3,500 for the next three years. Another "promotion" brings it up to \$3,800 for three years, and still another to \$4,100.

Upstate teachers have been demanding a \$2,400 minimum to start and \$3,800 as the final minimum. Actually, only a small number will ever hit the \$3,800 figure.

For communities over 100,000,

the starting salary is \$2,200, hits \$3,025 at the end of the sixth year mandatory salary increase period and \$4,510 for the rare teacher who reaches the top after the 16th year through promotions.

NEW YORK CITY

Starting salary is \$2,500 for all teachers, which is actually \$8 less than it is today for elementary school teachers, counting all temporary increments. For junior and high school teachers starting salaries are now \$2,940 and \$3,040 respectively.

At the end of the six-year mandatory increment period, pay is \$3,438 for all teachers, compared with the present temporary scale of \$3,168 for elementary school teachers, \$3,720 for junior high and \$3,840 for high school teachers.

The proposed promotion scale then provides for \$4,000 at the end of the 9th year for those promoted, which is less than all junior and high school teachers get today; for \$4,375 at the end of the 12th year for the relatively small number promoted a second time, which is still less than all junior high and high school teachers receive today; for \$4,750 in the 15th year to those promoted a third time, which is just about what junior high teachers get after 13 years and less than what high school teachers get.

The top minimum salary provided after 16 years is \$5,125, as compared with a \$5,400 minimum paid to high school teachers today.

The program calls for an extra \$200 a year pay to every teacher everywhere who gets a masters' degree.

It provides also that not less than half the teachers of a particular year are to get promoted the first time; not less than 20 percent the second time; not less than 20 percent the third time; not less than 10 percent to get the top grade.

Actually, there is nothing in the report to prevent present wages in New York City from being cut to the new proposed minimums if the program goes into effect on July 1, as recommended. But Charles Breitel, the Governor's counsel, told a press conference no present wages would be reduced.

UN to Study Albania Case

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 27.—

The United Nations security Council tonight set up a three-nation committee to study British charges that Albania illegally laid mines in the Corfu channel.

The committee was set up by a vote of 8 to 0, with Russia, Poland and Syria refraining from voting.

Australia, Colombia and Poland were put on the fact-finding committee.

WORLD BRIEFS

LAVA from erupting Mount Etna in Italy endangered several villages yesterday. By late afternoon the flow was decreasing.

GEN. MARSHALL was being hunted by a subpoena server carrying out instruction of chairman Alvin F. Weichel (R-O) of the House Merchant Marine Subcommittee. Weichel wanted Marshall to testify why he doesn't get Russia to return ships transferred to her during the war. Red-faced Republican leaders of the whole committee and of the House called off the deal before the subpoena was served.

THE DANISH newspaper National Tidning said yesterday that the proposed annexation or purchase by the United States of bases in Iceland and Greenland

Jobless GI List Growing

Jobless ex-GIs receiving Federal compensation increased from 934,000 in December to 1,162,000 at the end of January, Veterans Administration announced yesterday.

had "aroused extreme indignation" in Denmark.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN and Secretary of State Marshall met with congressional leaders to discuss foreign affairs in preparation for the Moscow conference. House Speaker Joe Martin and Sen. Vandenberg participated.

NEW YORK

Charge Deal for City 'Gift' of New Garden

A private deal has been made to sneak over city construction of a new \$25,000,000 Madison Square Garden for private profit, city councilmen Peter V. Cacchione and Benjamin J. Davis charged yesterday. The Communist councilmen said they would fight the move at today's Council meeting. They declared Mayor O'Dwyer has been "ill-advised" on the matter.

A bill slipped into the state legislature very recently, they revealed, authorized the Tri-Boro Bridge Authority to float a bond issue to construct a bus terminal, a 2,000-car parking garage, "and other facilities" in the area between 56th and 58th streets, west of Eighth Avenue. **GIMMICK**

The "other facilities," they charged, means the new Madison Square Garden. If the Tri-Boro Authority builds it, it will be tax-exempt, thus costing the city \$750,000 a year in lost taxes. This would not be hard to take for the Garden Corporation, headed by John Kilpatrick, which is slated to lease the big arena.

Before the Council tonight will be a "Home Rule Message," giving the Legislature at Albany the city's blessing for the enabling bill. The Communists will fight it as "class legislation," they said.

Col. Kilpatrick has already announced that construction will begin later this year, Cacchione and Davis noted in their statement. "A deal must have been reached," they said, whereby the Authority would lease the new arena to the Garden crowd "without any intention of requesting bids."

"To whom has (construction contractor) Bob Moses been talking?" they ask.

Too much power is vested in a few individuals under this plan, the councilmen declared. They demanded a public hearing.

The Garden, they pointed out, reported a \$1,886,000 surplus after dividends last November; cash resources of \$2,199,413, and no debts. It could well afford to build a new

Justice Hill Backs O'Dwyer Welfare Policy

Presiding Justice John Warren Hill of the Domestic Relations Court yesterday sided with Mayor O'Dwyer in the Welfare Council controversy over the city's welfare policies. Hill denied the Council's charge made earlier this week by its president G. Howland Shaw that the present administration neglected its responsibilities in 17 specific social welfare fields. The Council coordinates the activities of 600 local social welfare agencies.

NO COMPLACENCY

Terming the Welfare Council statement "unfortunate," Justice Hill said that it "tended to picture the Mayor as complacent about the need of a number of important social agencies in this city." He said

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one and Davis warned, "it will rise to plague the administration for a long time to come just as Stuyvesant rises to plague another adminis-tration that once ruled our city."

Justice Hill said that he could "particularly" attest to the Mayor's interest in the Domestic Relations Court, which he said was "one of the most important social agencies in the city."

As proof of this he pointed to the Mayor's active assistance in remedying certain inadequacies in the Court "which heretofore have received no budgetary assistance."

TALL ENOUGH TO FIGHT

Transport Workers Union veterans who weren't too short to ride roughshod over tall Nazis are big enough to handle trolley cars. That's what a delegation of eight bus and trolley operators from the CIO union told Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett yesterday in City Hall. The delegation, lead by Tony Alberto, TWU official, consisted of six combat vets, including two holders of the Purple Heart. They came to protest a five feet six inches height requirement in the examination for

surplus line operators set for March 8.

Nine thousand are seeking the jobs.

The TWU delegation pointed out that 240 provisional bus and trolley operators—all under five feet six inches—have been handling surplus transit controls for years.

The Board of Transportation has reversed its previous ruling on the height requirement but the Civil Service Commission won't budge an inch.

More Votes Than Members in Antonini's Poll

By George Morris

If you don't believe in miracles then you don't know about Luigi Antonini's union elections.

Miracle 1: Dressmakers, Local 89, International Ladies Garment Workers Union produced more votes in Wednesday's balloting for officers and convention delegates than the number of good-standing members on the union's books.

Miracle 2: Nearly 4,000 more ballots were cast Wednesday than three years ago when the local's good-standing rolls were 5,000 above today's.

Such results are easily explained, according to oldtimers. The entire election machinery was in the hands of secretary-manager Antonini's

forces, and presentation of a union book, without any means of verification available at the polling places was the only qualification to vote. Antonini didn't allow even one representative from the ranks of two opposing groups on his election and objection committee.

Wednesday's vote, his election committee announced, showed a total of 24,695 ballots cast, of which Antonini was given 22,812; Rank and File candidate Frances Ribaudo, 1,058 and Giuseppe Provvidenti on a third ticket, 81. The rest of the ballots were disqualified.

In 1944's election with 21,033 ballots cast, Antonini gave himself 17,805 to 467 for Ribaudo, while 1,340 ballots were declared disqualified.

The ballot of 1944 called for election of 30 delegates to the ILGWU convention, as apportioned to it on the basis of good-standing membership. Wednesday's election named only 25 delegates, in accordance with a decline of membership for the past three years.

Section 3, Article 2 of the ILGWU's constitution setting forth the basis for convention representation provides three delegates for locals up to 1,000 members and "local unions with a membership of more than 1,000 shall be entitled to a delegate for every additional thousand or portion thereof." That placed the membership for 1944 at 28,000 and in 1947 at 23,000—1,695 below the number of ballots cast.



Will Sing Out Against Lynch Murder: Josephine Premice, Haitian songstress of the Blue Angel; Lee Sabinson, producer of Finian's Rainbow and Muriel Gaines, Calypso singer of Le Ruban Bleu, who will participate in a cocktail party for the benefit of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, Sunday afternoon, March 2, at the home of Elizabeth Reitell, 25 Fifth Ave. Other entertainers will include Zero Mostel, Maxine Sullivan, Josh White and Philip Loeb. William S. Galimor will be toastmaster. Proceeds will be used for legal expenses in the damage suit against the village of Freeport in the case of the Ferguson brothers.

His Sisters and His Cousins and His Aunts

SORRENTO, La., Feb. 27 (FP). Fred Pieper to send along an organizer. The organizer signed up 145 people, then found out that the company had only 135 employees and only 126 were eligible for union membership.

Workers at the Sorrento Company here wanted a union and asked Louisiana CIO organizing director

The organizer discovered that everybody's friends and relatives had signed up,

NO DRY RUN *

SUBJECT: KRUMBEIN PARTY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

TO : JIM FARBER AND LLOYD KINSEY

*1. In the Army, a DRY RUN was a practice session before the real thing came off.

2. We in Westchester do not believe that the Krumbein Party Building Drive IS OR CAN BE a dry run. We think it's the real thing.

3. We are convinced that America needs and will get a Party of 100,000 by September. We are convinced that, outside the city, in upstate New York it is a burning necessity.

4. Because we believe that Westchester will get there fastest with the most—this is the deal: WE CHALLENGE NASSAU AND ERIE COUNTIES TO A THREE-WAY JOINT COMPETITION.

5. We invite you to submit your proposals no later than midnight of March 10. Toward that end we are reserving space in the Daily Worker for your reply.

Comradely

**HERBERT L. WHEELDIN,
Chairman**

Westchester-Rockland Committee, Communist Party

ATTENTION

Section, County and Club Press Directors!
Effective March 10, the price of the Daily Worker in "Club Bundles" is .03 $\frac{1}{4}$ per copy.

Your cooperation will be appreciated

DAILY WORKER.

Attention Bronx Communists!

The Brooklyn Communist Party welcomes your challenge
to build the Party in the Charles Krumbein Drive

WE ARE "READY, WILLING AND ABLE" TO ENGAGE IN THIS COMPETITION

What's more, we will fulfill our objectives—and come up to the Bronx to help you comrades finish your quota

Signed: KINGS COUNTY COMMITTEE, C.P.
PETER V. CACCHIONE—CARL VEDRO

Press Alibis the Food Profiteers

By Louise Mitchell

The press is alibi-ing the food profiteers again. The World-Telegram is blaming the starving people of Europe for rising prices in the United States. Entitled "World Relief Forces U.S. Food Prices Up," the Telly's front page "bunk" story of last Wednesday never substantiates its headline. In fact, it shows that there is enough of everything provided you have the money.

The story is a deliberate attempt to cover up responsibility for the latest inflationary rise in prices brought on by the limitless greed of food monopolies.

Newspapers for the past few days have predicted that Americans are due for the highest prices in history. Pork chops are on their way to one dollar a pound.

PRICE INDEX

The Dun and Bradstreet index for 31 foods yesterday reached \$6.62, as compared with \$6.47 of the preceding week. It was 13 cents above the previous high of \$6.49 established on Nov. 19, 1946, after the murder of OPA. A year ago the index stood at \$4.16.

Actually the story has more than one aim.

The Telly previously had harped on the theme that the laws of supply and demand would right

World Relief Forces U.S. Food Prices Up

everything, once ceilings were ended. Now it has to find a new excuse for price rises. So it selects the people of Europe.

FACTS ON WHEAT

The newspaper story shows there is enough wheat to meet domestic demands, but claims that because some grain is being shipped abroad, prices are soaring.

We produce 1,156,000,000 bushels,

of which 400,000,000 are sent abroad, leaving about 700,000,000 for home use. We need, according to the Telly, 675,000,000 bushels. This leaves us about 25,000,000 surplus bushels. Nevertheless, argues the Telly, the close margin "drives prices upwards."

It also admits very little of our record corn crop was shipped abroad.

As for milk, eggs and fresh

says the Telly, if every employable person had a job at good wages, the per capita consumption would be about 165 pounds a year. Present consumption is about 155 pounds. This would prove that not enough Americans are making good wages, rather than that Europeans are taking our steaks away.

Lynch Victim, Left for Dead, Testifies in Trial of Attackers

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 27.—Counsel for five accused lynchers today appealed to Civil War hatreds in an effort to counteract the testimony of a scarred Negro youth, left for dead beside the corpse of his friend. Attorney Whitfield Jack repeatedly shouted that "Washington is instigating it (this trial) to satisfy certain minority elements in the East."

The lynching came to light when the body of John Jones, young Negro veteran, was found in a bayou near Minden, La., last Aug. 14. It was then discovered that a 17-year-old Negro boy, Albert Harris, had been beaten and mutilated with Jones on the night of Aug. 8 but that he had survived and fled the scene the next morning.

DEPUTIES ACCUSED

Defendants in the Federal trial, which began Monday, are Oscar H. Haynes and Charles M. Edwards, Webster Parish, deputy sheriffs; Samuel C. Maddry Sr., Drayton Perkins, and Harry E. Perry. They are all charged on one count of conspiracy and on two counts of violating the civil liberties statute.

Young Harris, still bearing the scars of the steel wire and pistol beating he received, took the stand Tuesday. He told how he and Jones had been taken into custody on July 31 on suspicion of entering the yard of Maddry Jr. for the purpose of attacking his wife.

They were released and re-arrested. On Aug. 8, Harris said, Haynes came to the Minden jail and released them into the arms of a waiting mob. They were taken into the woods, where Jones was murdered after Harris recovered he and his family escaped with the assistance of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People investigators, who spirited them to the safety of a small north Michigan town.

During cross examination, Jack

Text of CP National Board's Birthday Greeting to Foster

The following cable was sent to William Z. Foster on the occasion of his 66th birthday by the National Board of the Communist Party:

"Heartfelt greetings to you, Bill, on your 66th birthday. We know we express the sincerest wish of our membership when we say simply many happy returns of the day. The militant workers and freedom-loving people of our nation look forward to many more years of your fruitful activity and untiring service to the cause of the working class and our country. We take this occasion to say that we deeply appreciate your sterling leadership, your warm comrade-

ship, your fighting determination to build our Party into an ever stronger mass party of mass action uniting and leading the people against monopoly reaction and resolutely championing everywhere the cause of democracy, peace and social progress."

The cable was signed by Eugene Dennis, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Josh Lawrence, Steve Nelson, Irving Potash, Jack Stachel, Robert Thompson, Louis Weinstock, John Williamson, Henry Winston.

Rapist Cop Jumps Bail

Special to the Daily Worker

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 27.—Former Policeman Carl R. Burleson, 27, under a seven-year sentence for raping a Negro woman, has jumped his \$3,000 bail. The Richmond Police Department sent out a general alarm.

Burleson and Auxiliary Policeman Leonard E. Davis, 43, both white were convicted on Jan. 18 by an all white jury that ordered both committed to the penitentiary for seven years. The Negro woman, mother of two children, had accused them of attacking her in a police car on the night of last Oct. 21.

At the hearing on motions to set aside the conviction, Davis was among Negro insurance employees present but Burleson was not.

Film Camelancholy, Can't Buy Any Camels

Anyone who doesn't know about the camel shortage hasn't tried to buy one in the last couple of years, a film company announced yesterday.

The company, United Artists, received an order from Hollywood producer Seymour Nebenzal for 16 two-hump camels. A spokesman said that when they tried to fill the order they found:

New York hasn't had a shipment of any kind of camels in 10 years.

A shipment of 30 camels expected in May has been sold in advance at \$1,000 a head.

E. S. Ward, of an animal importing firm which is selling the shipment, said the backlog of camel orders won't be filled for another 10 years.

vegetables, the Telly expects a plentiful supply shortly.

All in all, the Telly story is a fiction. But an interesting point is raised. It is howling against relief to Europe, but countries benefiting most from relief are those where food plays politics in the way the Telly likes.

For instance, countries getting the largest allotments are Germany, in the United States, British and French zones; Italy, Greece, Austria and Belgium.

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Science Notebook

A LETTER TO BILLY ROSE

By Peter Stone

Dear Billy Rose:

I see by a recent column of yours in PM that you don't think too much of the scientific and technical abilities of the Russians. You wrote "Our Russian friends have more hands than anybody except the Chinese. They have steel, copper and glass. They had twenty-five years to putter around. How come they haven't been able to turn out a first rate automobile?"

I don't know too much about qualities of Soviet automobiles. Mr. Rose, but I do remember some American history. It seems to me that in 1800, (when our country was twenty-five years old) we still did not have too much industry. Our cotton planters were quite familiar with Hargreaves spinning jenny of 1764. Arkwright's water frame, invented a few years later, not only spun cotton more rapidly, but produced a yarn of finer quality. The inventor Crompton produced a spinning mule which combined advantages of both machines.

Yet, Mr. Rose, we imported most of our clothing from England, despite the fact that we were the producers of cotton. Our raw cotton went to England, was manufactured there, and then sent back to America. Why didn't we use these inventions and produce our own clothing 25 years after the American Revolution? I know you will complain that the British had tied up our infant industries and prevented their growth. In case you don't remember the Czar of Russia also discouraged native industry, and that country received most manufactured goods from abroad, before Soviet power.

THEN THAT COLUMN contained the crack "I don't think the Russians could make the atom bomb. I think we could hand them all our top secrets on a uranium platter, and they still couldn't put the Big Firecracker together." Fortunately you cleared yourself in a later paragraph with "I grant you that what I know about splitting the atom you could put in the atom."

For if you had any knowledge about the subject other than what you "read in the papers" it would appear that one of the basic discoveries leading to the atom-bomb was the periodic table by the Russian chemist, Mendeleef. You would know that not only "people who are weaned on gasoline and

teethed on piston rings" could make important contributions toward the development of atomic energy.

A little study might disclose a few scientists other than Americans who worked on the bomb. Remember the Norwegian Niels Bohr, the Germans Hahn and Meitner, the Frenchman (and Communist) Joliot-Curie, the Englishmen Chadwick, Rutherford, etc. And I forgot to mention a few important researches on the subject by (yes, Mr. Rose) Russians, like Kapitza and Skoletzky.

It is difficult to see how the next paragraph crept into the liberal newspaper PM. You wrote "why did they have to lend-lease from us practically everything they had on wheels? When the chips were down, why did Uncle Joe have to depend upon Uncle Sam?" This is a gross distortion of facts. Most equipment used by the Soviets during the war, was built in Soviet factories. This is especially true of planes, trains, and all mechanized equipment.

THE RUSSIANS did lend-lease many automobiles from us because this industry was still in its infancy when war broke out. But Mr. Rose you seem to forget that our country was not invaded. We did not suffer from air-raids and bombing. Our land was busy as the arsenal for the whole democratic world, because our world was at death grips with the Nazi hordes. While America turned out war equipment, Russian blood was "clawing its way from Stalingrad to Berlin."

I see by your column that you respect the Russians, Mr. Rose. You assign them "Tolstoi, blintzes, Shostakovich, tea in a glass, The Cherry Orchard, vodka." I suppose that you would have the world forget Pavlov's conditioned reflex, Bogomoletz serum ACS, the new Soviet cancer contributions, Kapitza's liquid oxygen processes, the advanced work in cosmic energy by the Alekhanian brothers, underground gasification of coal, etc., etc.

Fortunately the American people live in a real world and accept the scientific contributions from all lands—even Soviet-inspired. PM advertises "it's fun to look at the world through Rose-colored glasses." This might be a newspaper idea of fun, but it isn't always accurate.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Do you think baseball can survive the introduction of Negroes and unions, you don't, do you?"

In the Negro Press

NEGRO NEWSPAPER WEEK

By John Hudson Jones

PEOPLE'S VOICE salutes National Negro Newspaper Week, which marks the 120th anniversary of the Negro press. It believes that "It is fortunate for the Negro people and for America that this anniversary . . . finds so many Negro newspapers emerging into maturity and playing a progressive role in the economic, political, and civic life of our country."

PM points out America's "general media of communication" has for many years kept an iron, concrete, and steel curtain around Negro life. There is very little truth about Negro affairs to be found in the American press. And so, enter the Negro press which has been ". . . stimulating and organizing the struggle for Negro democratic rights, and helping to build an increasingly unified Negro people's liberation movement."

AMSTERDAM NEWS columnist Lester Granger sees ". . . differences in policy on Negro memberships . . ." as one of the snags to AFL-CIO unity.

"The CIO explicitly forbids racial discrimination . . . and the AFL has a 'resolved' against it . . ." leaving the final decision to the international unions. Hence very little racial democracy in the AFL. Granger finally wonders: "Can the CIO, in order to attain labor unity, recede from its present high position?"

PITTSBURGH COURIER columnist George Schuyler sinks lower and lower with his current defense of the uncle-tom flicker Song of the South. He admits that many of his "readers disagreed more or less violently with my recent column on the picture . . . which I found to be amusing, colorful, tuneful, entertaining if superficial, and by no means derogatory . . . except in the minds of the hypersensitive."

But then he gets a little self-conscious and tries to crawl out with ". . . I saw the Soviet Russian technicolor film The Stone Flower, and, lo and behold, there was a ragged old Russian peasant, similar in every respect to Uncle Remus in Song of the South. . . ." This he liked with the exception that ". . . the Soviet film showed the plantation owner as a heartless brute in accordance with Stalinist propaganda."

MICHIGAN CHRONICLE writer Roy Wilkins thinks "Some

Press Roundup

'Trib' Fears U.S. Slipped Up in Trustee Stand

THE HERALD TRIBUNE, discussing the U. S. Pacific island grab, thinks "it was a mistake not to make concessions to the collective-security idea — for the purpose of establishing a precedent, if for no other reason—in asking for a legal position in the islands. The insistence that every acre of every island was part of a strategic area and should be under complete American domination gave the Russians an excellent opportunity, of which they have taken advantage."

THE TIMES says, "This new Russian position marks a welcome change. It should help to create a more favorable atmosphere for the forthcoming Foreign Ministers Conference than other developments have permitted one to expect." This does not deter the Times from assailing the Soviet Union again as aggressively expansionist—in an editorial dealing with a bit of Wall Street expansion that nets us control of the entire Pacific Ocean. It argues that Russia took more territory than the Americans. It still dodges the fact that the Soviet Union has 80,000 square miles less territory today than Russia of 1914. And it still blinks the fact that the western Ukraine always was and is part of the Soviet Union, and ditto for Western Byelorussia and similar territory robbed by the Germans and allied interventionists after World War I.

THE DAILY NEWS argues, "the time to watch Russia with special mistrust is when Russia gets nice and polite." Which is an extraordinary way of getting along with Russia, considering that the News says, "we hope this development foreshadows better relations between the United States and Russia . . ."

THE DAILY MIRROR applauds the State Department for deciding to starve our allies and feed our former foes at the expense of those who fought on our side.

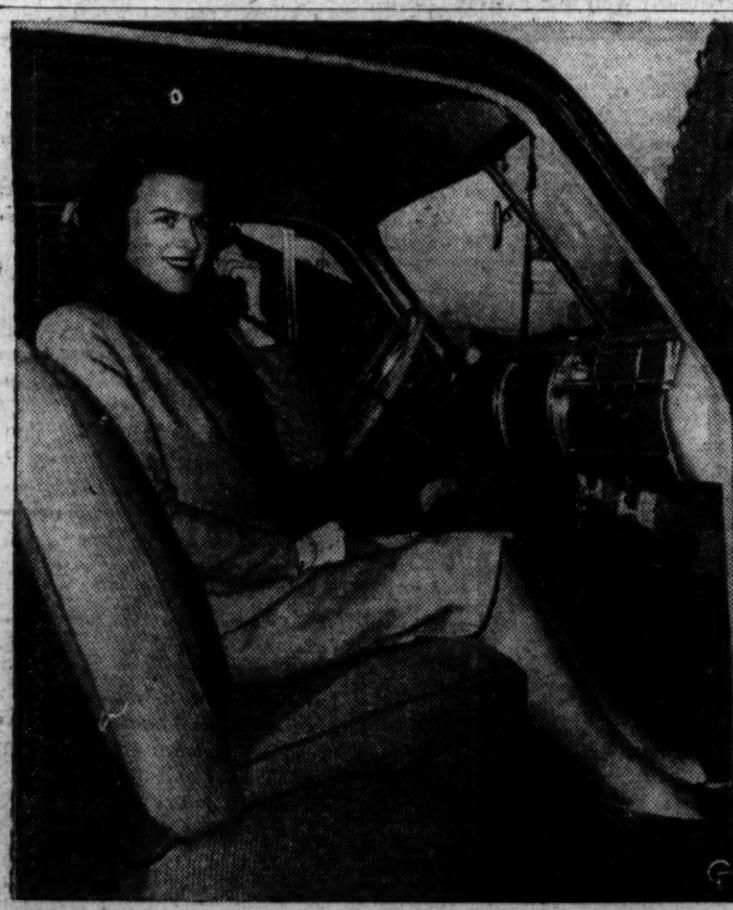
PM'S Victor Bernstein reports the Buffalo teachers "are not prepared to assume that an economy-minded governor has the right to climb to the White House on the backs of underpaid workers. They are not prepared to assume that the country wants education for its children, but is unwilling to pay for it."

THE WORLD TELEGRAM sympathizes with "the victims of Nazi persecution" and is ready to resettle them all over the world except in America.

THE POST says "it would be worse than foolish to allow the great issue of Palestine to obscure another great issue—the necessity of aid to Britain."

THE SUN'S George E. Sokolsky finds "many human beings in this world look with longing eyes upon those days when kings produced chivalry and their nobles ruled by noblesse oblige which the proletarian politicians of today do not even understand."

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN'S Westbrook Pegler objects to "the slurs against Winston Churchill." Editorially the Hearst sheet calls union busting publisher David Stern, "a good and true fighter for the right as he saw it . . ."



Centennial Call: Joan Blair, great grand-daughter of Alexander Graham Bell, gets her picture taken using an auto-telephone, on the 100th anniversary of the birth of the inventor of the telephone.

WORTH REPEATING

"The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people, all nations, and tongues, and kindred." Abraham Lincoln.

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Why Rep. Hoffman Applauded

WILLIAM GREEN and David Dubinsky have broken labor's front against anti-labor legislation. They have opened Pandora's Box—the revision of the Wagner Act by the reactionary-run 80th Congress.

When Green made his suggestions for amendments, the fascist-like Claire Hoffman of Michigan exploded:

"That's what we have been waiting for."

Dubinsky suggested before the Senate Labor Committee that an employer be allowed to call for an election if two unions are in the field. That means in almost every situation. If the contest isn't between the AFL and CIO then it is between either of them and an employer stooge outfit camouflaged as an "independent." This, in effect, gives employers the initiative to force an election under circumstances favorable to his choice.

Both Dubinsky and Green also favor "free speech" to employers, which is a right to advise workers on union choice and on a union's internal affairs.

Green also expressed readiness to accept registration for unions. As he had himself said on many occasions, this is a step to government license and supervision over unions.

He also agreed to a requirement that unions file financial statements. In the light of what Truman already agreed to sign, and the opening already granted by Green, even financial reports become dangerous. They become useful to employers who seek for the weak spots and an opportune time to attack—now that the means of attack are given them by such men as Green and Dubinsky.

Philip Murray's testimony was different. He didn't yield but pressed the real issue and the real cause of strikes—monopolies, monopoly prices, monopoly profits and monopoly-inspired union-busting.

Green's suggestions, as he himself told the Senate committee a week earlier, would not meet the problems of the workers but would help some of the union-busting plans of the employers.

And Green and Dubinsky yielded some points to employers only a day after they once more rejected the CIO's bid for united labor action.

McKellar's Expert

THERE was appreciative laughter in the august chambers of the Senate hearing on the Lilienthal case the other day.

The crowded room was full of people leaning eagerly forward to catch every word.

An old farmer was testifying. Sen. McKellar had brought him up from Tennessee as an expert on communism.

Let us join the political leaders of the Senate in their chamber.

The 77-year-old farmer is testifying. He grins toothlessly:

"I sa... 'em. They were nude Communists."

"How did you know they were Communists?"

"They were talking about controlling production."

"What is a Communist, do you think?"

"I don't exactly know," the grinning old man replied.

"But we're against 'em."

"Who was the Communist who ran these revels?"

"I think his name was Jesse W. Reeve. He came from Kansas and there's lots of nude people in Kansas."

The Senators smiled at the peeping tom memories of this smutty old man.

Where was this Communist Jesse W. Reeve? Let this immoral man come forward and be spattered by the slobber of ignorant and filthy rumors.

But Jesse W. Reeve will never be able to face those who defiled his honor and the honor of Communists.

It happens that when his country was in danger at the hands of the German-Japanese bandits, he enlisted in the army.

He will not hear the ribald laughter of the Senators investigating communism.

He was killed in action.



THE WAY AHEAD

By Gabriel in the London Daily Worker

Letters From Our Readers

*Fascist Leaflets
In Minneapolis*

St. Paul, Minn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Fascist-minded people distributed on the Minnesota University Campus leaflets that were anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-Communist. In other places in Minneapolis, the same leaflets were pinned to trees, bulletin boards and fences.

Minneapolis police were alerted at once when Mayor Humphrey and the president of the university had received unsigned letters threatening to make Minneapolis "the anti-Semitic capital of the United States" and an investigation is now under way.

The press here reported that similar unsigned letters were found on Homer Loomis, Jr., after his recent arrest.

It seems that there are powerful and influential forces at work behind the scenes here aiding these purveyors of fascism.

The citizens of the Twin Cities want an investigation that would uproot these anti-democratic forces. A. B.

Doctors Should Organize, Too

Newark, N.J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Aren't there enough and socially-minded doctors to get together on a national scale and organize Doctors' Guild.

It is only because such an organization does not exist that military-minded Senators like Milliken of Colorado can have the audacity to suggest that civilian uses of atomic energy, as in medicine and power, can be "locked up" for a few years so that everything can be devoted to the bomb. (Hearings, Atomic Energy Act of 1946, page 398.)

I can say without any fear of contradiction that if the Lawyers Guild was able to make a go of it, the doctors can, too.

K. O'BRIEN.

New Subscriber Likes Art Column

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The paper should be particularly commended for the excellent art column by Marion Summers in the Feb. 23 Worker. I also liked the piece on Hirsch's picture, "Two Men."

This is really bringing art to the people and will bring artists closer to social reality.

NEW SUBSCRIBER

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

EXPERTS OF DECEIT

By George Morris

"PR"—PUBLIC RELATIONS—has become a top-ranking department of the large business concern. The profession of picturing a corporation executive as the cornerstone of all that's wholesome is financially topping all others.

Companies are paying heavy dough to the man who commands the pipeline to the local newspaper, city government and public institutions.



A firm finds it very profitable to exercise ideological patronage over the community. Especially over its "prominent citizens" who depend so much on a local school board, church or city administration.

Back in ancient days, before the Wagner Act, those things were done directly and crudely. But today they require a finesse and delicate handling that only experts in the line could give. It requires "PR." Times have changed. The people aren't suckers for old bait.

IT IS IN THAT connection that our interest turns to the recent \$25-a-plate Waldorf Astoria Fourth National Conference of Public Relations Executives arranged by the National Association of Manufacturers. The sponsors were elated. Four years ago only a handful of 60 turned up.

More than 500 were on hand now and among them an impressive list of top executives, bearing testimony to the importance of the growing profession.

The atmosphere was festive. Recent months have given evidence that the profession is here to stay. Hasn't the Republican victory on Nov. 5 been largely put over as a result of expert "PR" work? And look at the job "PR" is doing in the current red-baiting anti-labor campaign. A full page NAM ad, a phony "labor" leader's ad for anti-labor legislation, a corporation's testimony before congressional hearings, a radio speech by a company president;

it takes a "PR" man behind every such deed. It takes a "PR" man to sell anti-labor legislation to the public as something that isn't directed at labor at all.

HOLCOMBE PARKS, NAM vice-president in charge of "PR," told his \$25-a-plate guests that more than 5,000 member firms are now contributing to the "PR" fund, or the National Industrial

Information Committee, as it is called. He noted that the undisclosed amount of money is already 77 percent above the past NICC record.

"Indeed," he said, "every study, every yardstick shows that public relations is on the make." He warned that the big job must still be put over. "The spreaders of unrest are still with us. There are just as many fanatical collectivists with us today as there were before Nov. 5," he said. Howard Chase of General Foods, who was chairman, placed the issue as "competition for men's minds."

FOR TWO DAYS these men exchanged notes on ways to capture, confuse, humbug, frighten, bewilder and overwhelm men's minds. Every known trick was well represented. But the experts were, nevertheless, baffled by one problem. It was put before them just as something extraordinary is put before a congress of scientists or doctors. That film, Deadline for Action, produced by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

They sat there open-mouthed and silent as it was shown how the union works, its democracy and rank and file control, the life in the home of a typical worker, his contribution to the war effort, prices, profits, monopoly control, the conditions that cause him to strike, the picket line, the militancy of the workers, police clubs and all the rest of that familiar story.

These experts recognized in that film something that matches and outmatches their best handiwork. It puts the truth so vividly and convincingly that it takes extraordinary lying to combat it.

Of course, we have freedom of press, freedom of speech and freedom of thought. They are in the Constitution. We also have freedom to lie, deceive and confuse minds and to overwhelm the truth with falsehoods. The billions are on the side of the latter freedoms. But look how the experts of deceit raise their eyebrows when truth breaks through even in a small way. They feel that their entire case is like a balloon that could explode with a pin-prick.

When will our labor movement really tap its resources to mobilize truth against the flood of falsehoods?

Rankin Body Features Allis-Chalmers Scab

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The House Committee on Un-American Activities today began hearings which Chairman J. Parnell Thomas acknowledged as the opening gun in a planned drive against labor. He recalled that in January he had announced an eight-point program in which the second plank was "spotlighting the sorry spectacle of outright Communist domination of trade unions."

"Today we take the first step in carrying out that plank," he said.

Testimony before the Committee today purported to establish that Allis-Chalmers Local 248 of the United Automobile Workers is "led by Communists" who "inspired" its 10-month-old strike. Main witness was Floyd D. Lucia, of Milwaukee, defeated candidate for shop steward in the Allis-Chalmers Electric Control plant.

Failing to appear today were two officers of Bridgeport Local 203 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, whose charter had been revoked by the International. Scheduled to testify to the alleged "Communism" of top UE officials, the two officers telephoned they had to appear in court in Bridgeport.

Lucia admitted he is at present working in the Allis-Chalmers plant, although the local union, of which he still claims to be a member, has been on strike since April, 1946.

The odious word which accurately describes Lucia's activities—"scabbing"—was not mentioned during the hearing.

FILCHED EVIDENCE

Lucia complained that Owen Lambert, who defeated him for shop steward, devoted all his time to soliciting members for the American Youth for Democracy, and to campaigning for subscriptions to the *Daily Worker*, *In Fact* and *New Masses*. He exhibited Communist Party leaflets attacking lynching and fascism, which he said he found in Lambert's workbench. He also gave the committee Lambert's receipt book.

Pressed for a direct answer, he admitted the receipts in the book might be for union dues rather than Communist Party initiation fees. However, he called attention to a receipt for \$5 issued by Lambert to Simon Rudy, marked for a year's sub to *New Masses*. "Lambert once offered to sell me a *Masses* sub for \$1.50, so I believe the other \$1.50 must have been party dues," said Lucia.

Lucia asserted he had been

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"counted out" in the local election, and charged local leaders had forbidden him to remain in the room while ballots were being tabulated. He was afraid to resist their ruling, he said, because he would be beaten up. He said a majority of the members of the local were intimidated by the "Communist leadership" which he estimated to number 25 party members and 25 sympathizers. There are 8,000 members of the local, he said.

A BIG SWALLOW

This was too much for several committee members. Rep. Nixon (R-Cal) asked if he knew of any instances where rank and file members had been beaten by union leaders. "Why, the papers have been full of instances during the strike," he replied. "Many police officers had been hurt by rocks."

"I'm talking about union members being beaten for union activity by union leaders," Nixon insisted. Lucia admitted he had no knowledge of such instances. But he expressed

fear "of what may happen when I return to Milwaukee."

Twice committee members followed what looked like a red-hot scent only to end up with nothing.

AW, SHUCKS

Lucia described how during the war a member of Local 248 named Casey Walker had urged the local to call a strike. Chairman Thomas pricked up his ears but it developed the proposal of Casey, who was not a Communist, was condemned by president Bob Buse and other local leaders charged with being Communists.

Lucia's testimony brought out that the Hawley plant of Allis-Chalmers manufactured material for the Manhattan Atomic Bomb Project. Rep. Karl Mundt (R-SD) rushed in to ask if it wasn't true that the Communists fomented the Allis-Chalmers strike to sabotage production of atomic bombs.

Lucia said the manufacture of atomic equipment had stopped in the Hawley plant long before the strike began. Mundt sank back in his chair.

BIG INDEPENDENT VOTE MARKS CHICAGO POLL

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Overshadowing all results of Tuesday's Mayoralty primary and Aldermanic elections is the large independent vote.

More than a quarter of a million voters, about 25 percent, voted for Aldermanic candidates only and did not request primary ballots for the Mayoralty candidates of the two major parties.

Also standing out is the vote received by the 15 independents who had signed the "Declaration of Independents"—close to 25,000.

High man among the independents was Wallace I. Kargman, candidate in the 46th Ward, who received 3,173 votes, or 15 percent of the total.

A. S. Gourfain, Jr., running in the Fourth Ward, received 2,554 votes, or 14 percent. Other high independents were Sidney Ordower in the 24th Ward and Peter B. Brown, Negro packing house leader in the Second Ward, with 1,976 and 1,653, respectively.

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pends received sufficient votes to force a run-off between the two highest contenders on April 1. The independents hold the balance of power in these wards.

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Observers here feel the Republican machine failed in its effort to roll up an impressive vote.

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WJZ—770 Ke. WNEW—1130 Ke. WQXR—1550 Ke.
WNYC—839 Ke. WLBI—1190 Ke.

Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WOR—News; Prescott Robinson
• WNBC—Fred Waring Show
WJZ—Breakfast with Breneman
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test Quiz
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch Show
WOR—Easy Does It, Music
WJZ—Hollywood Story—Sketch
WQXR—Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawton—Sketch
WOR—Talk—Victor H. Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WCBS—Rosemary—Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00—WNBC—Rad Hall, News
WOR—Home Edition—News
WJZ—Kenny Baker Show
WCBS—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert

12:15-WNBC—Metropolitan News
WOR—Checkerboard Jamboree
WCBS—Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC—Maggi McNeills, Talk
WOR—News; So This Is Love
WJZ—News; Talk—Nancy Craig
WCBS—Helen Trent

12:45-WNBC—Show Tunes
WCBS—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Better Half Matinee
WJZ—H. R. Baulkhead, News
WCBS—Big Sister—Sketch
• WQXR—News; Midday Symphony

1:15-WNBC—Powers Charm School
WCBS—Mrs Perkins—Sketch
1:30-WOR—Listen Here, Ladies
WJZ—Galen Drake
WCBS—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch

1:45-WNBC—Robert McCormick, News
WOR—The Answer Man
WCBS—Road of Life—Sketch

2:00-WNBC—Today's Children—Sketch
WOR—Daily Dilemmas
WJZ—Kiernan's Corner
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Program Favorites

2:15-WNBC—Woman in White—Sketch
WJZ—The Women's Exchange
WCBS—Perry Mason—Sketch

2:30-WNBC—Masquerade—Sketch
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WCBS—Love Journey—Sketch
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30

2:40-WNBC—Betty Crocker, Talk

2:45-WNBC—Light of the World
WCBS—Rose of My Dreams
WQXR—Music Memory Game

3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WCBS—Bouquet for You
WQXR—News; Recent Release

3:15-WNBC—Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young
WOR—Rambles with Gambling
WJZ—Pat Barnes, Talk
WCBS—Winner Take All

3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness
WJZ—Studio Tour

4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife—Sketch
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy

WJZ—House Party
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee

4:15-WNBC—Stella Dallas—Sketch

4:25-WCBS—News Reports

4:30-WNBC—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Uncle Don

WJZ—Cliff Edwards, Songs
WCBS—Hollywood Jackpot

4:45-WNBC—Young Widder Brown
WOR—Buck Rogers—Sketch

WJZ—Dick Tracy—Sketch

5:00-WNBC—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Hop Harrigan—Sketch

WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WCBS—School of the Air

WQXR—News; Today in Music

5:15-WNBC—Portia Faces Life

• WOR—Superman
WJZ—Sky King—Sketch

WQXR—Latin-American Rhythms

5:30-WNBC—Just Plain Bill

WOR—Captain Midnight

WJZ—Jack Armstrong

WCBS—Treasury Bandstand

5:45—WNBC—Front-Page Farrell

WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix

WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch

WCBS—Secretary of Interior, Julius Krug

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—News; Serenade to America
WOR—George C. Putnam, News

WJZ—News; Sports—Joe Hazel

WCBS—News; Eric Sevareid

WQXR—News; Music to Remember

6:15-WOR—Bob Elson, Interviews

WJZ—Ethel and Albert

WCBS—Report from Washington

6:30-WOR—News; Fred Vandeverter

WJZ—Allen Prescott

WCBS—Sports—Red Barber

WQXR—Dinner Concert

6:40-WNBC—Sports; Bill Stern

6:45-WNBC—Lowell Thomas

WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax

WJZ—Ed and Pegeen Fitzgerald

WCBS—Robert Trout, News

7:00-WNBC—Supper Club Variety

WJZ—Headline Edition

• WCBS—Mystery of the Week

WQXR—News; Concert Stage

7:15-WNBC—News of the World

WOR—The Answer Man

WJZ—Elmer Davis, News

WCBS—Jack Smith Show

7:30-WNBC—Harry Wood Show

WCBS—J. Raymond—Walsh

WOR—Henry J. Taylor

WJZ—The Lone Ranger

WCBS—Meredith Willson Orchestra

WQXR—String Orchestra

7:45-WNBC—Clifton Utley—Comments

WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt

8:00—WNBC—Highway in Melody—Mac Morgan, Baritone; Paul Lavalle Orchestra

• WOR—Burl Ives, Songs

WJZ—Fat Man—Sketch

WCBS—Baby Snooks Show

WQXR—News; Symphony Hall

8:15-WOR—Memorable Moments

8:30-WOR—Leave It to the Girls

• WNBC—Alan Young Show

WJZ—This Is Your FBI

• WCBS—Adventures of the Thin Man

8:55—WBC—Bill Henry, News

9:00—WNBC—People Are Funny

WOR—Gabriel Heatter

WJZ—Break the Bank—Quiz

WCBS—Ginny Simms Show

WQXR—News; Concert Hall

8:15-WOR—Real Stories

8:30—WNBC—Bob Harmon, Songs; Evelyn

MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR—Bulldog Drummond—Play
WJZ—The Sheriff—Play
• WNBC—Durante, Moore Show
WQXR—Designs in Harmony
8:45—WQXR—Great Names
9:55—WJZ—Harry Wismar—Sports
10:00—WNBC, WOR, WJZ, WCBS, WQXR—President Truman on Red Cross
10:05—WOR—Meet The Press
10:30—WNBC—Bill Stern, Sports
WOR—The Symphonic Orchestra
WCBS—Maisie—Sketch
WQXR—The Showcase
10:45—WNBC—To Be Announced
11:00—WNBC—News; Music
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WJZ, WCBS—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
12:00—WNBC, WCBS—News; Music
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WQXR—News Reports

Station WNYC

• 9:00—Masterwork Hour. Music of Carl Maria Von Weber and John Alden Carpenter,
9:55—News Summary.
10:00—"Avoid Catching Cold," Dr. Lee Price, Speaker on New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.
10:15—Musical Comedy Memories.
10:30—"Why Boys Should Learn to Cook."
10:45—Health Department Nutrition News. With Margaret Conner.
10:50—Music Time (RX).
10:55—News Summary.
11:00—Organ Odes.
11:30—BBC Radio Newswear.
11:45—Musical Comedy Memories.
11:55—News Summary.
12:00—Midday Symphony. Symphony No. 8 in F Major," by Beethoven.
12:55—News Summary.
1:00—Missing Persons Alarms.
1:05—City News Summary.
1:15—Jazz Classics with Jack Lazare.
1:55—News Summary.
2:00—Official U.S. Weather Report.
2:05—Opera Matinee. "La Traviata," by Verdi.

3:55—News Summary.
4:00—Four Strings at Four. "Quartet, Opus No. 1," by Haydn.
4:35—News Summary.
5:00—Music for Young People. Jane Tolvinen.
5:30—Songs at Eventide. Lewis Brooks, Bass-Baritone.
5:45—"Week-End in New York." What to do in New York over the weekend. Lily Supove. Guest: Anne Jackson, who will appear in "Yellow Jack" as the only girl in the cast.

5:55—News Summary.

6:00—"Sports for New Yorkers," with Maurice Eschay.

6:15—John F. McGeehan, Justice, Supreme Court, Speaker for Bronx

U.S. Weather Report. UES "Help Want Ad Column of the Air."

6:55—News Summary.

7:00—Masterwork Hour. Music of Carl Maria Von Weber and John Alden Carpenter.

7:55—News Summary.

8:00—"Here's to Vets."

8:15—Folksongs for the Seven Million. Elaine Lambert Lewis.

8:30—Juilliard Concert. Juilliard School of Music.

8:45—News Summary.

10:00—FM ONLY. City Hour of Music and News.

10:55—FM ONLY. Final News Summary and Sign-off.

Kuomintang Tries to Replace Deserters

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27.—The Kuomintang government is taking extraordinary measures to fill gaps in its military ranks created by desertions of people who don't want to fight a civil war.

Authorities in Szechuan province advertised a free movie and, in the middle of the performance, hauled away 100 young men in the audience for military service.

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In this CORNER

Gus Is Foxier Than
Billy, BUT . . .

By Bill Mardo

ANOTHER JOE LOUIS has been the password in the bigger divisions ever since the heavy champ began to dominate the scene. Every manager with a fighter who could hit began to yodel his great fortune about having the kid who was someday gonna dethrone King Joe. But I don't ever recall anyone handling a would-be Louis who owned a record of 43 knockouts in a like number of professional starts. Such, however, is the current standing of Billy Fox, the cold-eyed kid who guns for Gus Lesnevich's light-heavyweight crown at the Garden tonight. If Fox can cleanly make Lesnevich No. 44 in his Hit Parade then, who knows, maybe the next heavyweight champ of the world has arrived?

Not that Fox, even with a win over Lesnevich, would be anyone's choice to knock off Louis soon, next year, or the year after. Because if the 21-year-old is as easy to hit as they say he is, then he's not the baby to take the champ. If such a fighter lives, to begin with. But it is entirely conceivable that a young kid with the kind of kick in either mitt that makes you whistle "Bombs Away!" when he tosses leather, can be taught enough about the defensive mechanisms of boxing to become top man AFTER Louis has left the scene.

But all this is so much conjecture, eh? How it adds up will only make sense after tonight's fight which should be enough of a problem for Fox. Nobody knocks out Gus Lesnevich unless that someone really has the goods. True, the 32-year-old veteran is a notorious bleeder and can be cut around the eyes badly enough to warrant stopping the bout regardless of how much vim and vigor is still left in the protesting Lesnevich.

Forgetting this t.k.o. possibility for the nonce, your scribe is more interested in seeing just how telling that Fox seek is against an experienced full-fledged 175-pounder. It's a fact that the touted Negro puncher has scored most of his kayoos against over-stuffed middleweights . . . lads like Ossie "Bulldog" Harris, George Kochan, et al. And those who loudly hail Fox as another Joe Louis also hail most vociferously that knockout over the aforementioned Kochan. Yet that in itself shouldn't cause Lesnevich to quake with alarm. For it wasn't too long ago that the skinny middleweight Steve Belloise belted out Kochan in a handful of rounds.

So much for a purely objective, deflationary kind of approach to Fox. Which is the only rational way a writer who hasn't seen Fox in action, can view this lad who would like to send someone with Lesnevich's ability sleepy-bye. But if Billy's power does hold up against heavier competition, and it does possess that electric quality, then it's not at all improbable he'll be the new 175-pound king later this evening.

Lesnevich is ready to be taken. Bruce Woodcock took him good in London a few months ago, and Bruce is far from the most finished ringman in the world. Anyone who can hit punishingly hard and stay on top of Gus stands a good chance of finishing the job that Father Time has already been carving away at on the Lesnevich fighting frame. For the champ is no longer the agile customer that he was before the war, when he twice turned back Tami Mauriello's bid for his crown. These days Lesnevich has to rely on his needle, which is crammed checkful of ring savvy, plus a fairly respectable wallop of his own although it's not of the one-punch 23-skidoo caliber.

That's Gus' only chance against Fox. To outsmart the green kid, tie him up inside and bang away, counter with a few prize potshots and keep the keenly determined knockout artist off balance. But that's quite a trick for any man of 32 to maintain over the 18-round route. Especially when that oldie has loose scar tissue around the eyes and the probable prospect of blood pouring down his face into his mouth and gagging on it.

If Fox hits the way his press releases say, and despite the long list of nobodies he's stiffened, then youth should tell tonight. It will be the end of a long creditable road for Gus Lesnevich and perhaps the beginning of a new one for a kid with two power-packed mitts and the desire to learn.

We'll soon see.

Now You Take DEEP SEA Fishing ...

By Louis Lefkowitz

If ever I was pleased with an article of a sportsman, it was the one by that Long Beach fisherman who described surf casting for Striped Bass. There's a man after my own heart, and hope to run across him someday. But what I want to write of, is another branch of fishing and that's the Deep Sea kind.

For those that are unacquainted, you may have wondered, riding the subways, of a Saturday to see men on their way to Sheepshead Bay dressed in every conceivable outfit carrying their trusty poles and kits to get there early and find a good spot on the boats in rain or shine, cold or hot spell, nothing daunts a fisherman in pursuit of the elusive fish.

Gentlemen, these are the men who love their fishing so much that to get up at 3:00 a.m. of a morning, ride two hours by subway to get to Sheepshead Bay for a coveted spot on the stern of the boat, is no sacrifice at all; I've run across folks from Yonkers, Newark, and wherenot, who have fished the waters of N.Y. for years and years and their fathers

before them. I've met men (and women, too) from all walks of life, where the janitor rubs shoulders with some Wall Street tycoon, but by the bye and large, the vast majority of fisher folk are just plain working folk. The bay is just full of boats, large, small, medium with the barkers out front of the wharves, "Effort the 3rd, Glory Elmar, black fish and porgies to-day." During cod-fish season they'll holler, "Cholera Banks, good cod fishing," etc. Very picturesque.

When you get down to the bay, you'll get aboard a big boat, say the Effort the 3rd. You'll tie your bag against the rail, rig your pole up with sinker and hooks, and then look around. You're bound to meet buddies you've fished with before, and it's the fisherman's code to be helpful to the neighbours next to you. Discussion usually starts with, "Don't you think two hooks for cod is too much? Isn't your top hook too high above the sinker?" etc. From there on it starts.

Seven a.m. sharp the whistle blows, and the boat starts on its outward trip. Looking about you,

BALTIMORE BOUND



Joe DiMaggio arrived from Puerto Rico yesterday and only stayed long enough to express hope that his second heel operation, to be undergone at Baltimore, will fix him up for Opening Day. By the same token, Local 125 was

The 'Daily' Roundup:

DiMag Checks In; Leo Likes Barney

Joe DiMaggio arrived in New York City yesterday and immediately pulled out for the Baltimore hospital where he's due for that second operation on his slow-to-heal heel. The Yankee Clipper agreed to the new operation after Dr. Mal Stevens assured him it would help bring the heel around by Opening Day. And that's what DiMag wants more than anything else. To be in the lineup when they shout Play Ball.

MAYOR O'DWYER will buy the first ticket today to the interracial hoop game, proceeds of which go for further cultural activities for the African Academy of Arts and Research. The contest will feature the famed Negro quint, the Renaissance, versus the Philadelphia Sphynx—while the New York Knickerbockers go against Providence in the other March 26 twinbill at Madison Square Garden.

O'Dwyer is honorary chairman of the committee which has launched a campaign to raise \$25,000 for additional cultural work by the African Academy.

HAL GREGO and Rex Barney looked mighty good in their most recent Havana workouts. Gregg has been showing a sharp breaking curve to go with his neat fast one while Barney's speed has the camp agog. Durocher thinks a good year for Barney might very well be the factor bringing a pennant to Brooklyn this year.

MIL OTT is giving extra-cur-

you see every conceivable size pole, reel and rig you can think of. Fishermen of every age, from the youngster to the old timer, and you'll spot a beginner here and there. One of the crew comes around to collect the fares which puts you out 4½ bucks.

Another crewman announces the pool. You can invest \$1.00, .75, .50, or .25 in a pool. You can enter all these pools, wherein the biggest fish caught gets the prize.

In about an hour and a half, the boat reaches the fishing grounds, and the whistle blows, all lines go overboard, and from then on it's your luck or your experience or both that counts in your fishing. With a light breeze blowing, a slight swaying of the boat, happy laughter here and there, a shout that draws every ones attention to some big whopper getting hauled aboard, these are the thrills of fishing.

It's a technique to know when to hook the big fellow at the precise moment, how to reel him in, and on and off, that gee, I missed him. There's an awful lot to learn to catch them, all the way from the lowly cunning Ber-

Gimbels Dumps '125 In Lopsided Upset!

Fur Floor Toppled From Unbeaten Ranks With 80-43 Loss

An upset so stunning that it still sounds unreal was Gimbels' 80-43 victory over the hitherto undefeated Fur Floor 125 team at Seward Park gym Wednesday night. Local 125, with seven straight wins under its belt, was a lopsided favorite to add the previously unimpressive Gimbels crew to its row of victims.

And maybe that's why the weird upset occurred. Gimbels was loose and easy, with everything to gain and nothing to lose, considering its record of four defeats and two wins in previous Labor Hoop competition. By the same token, Local 125 was

(At Seward Park)		GIMBELS	
FUR 125	G. F. P.	G. F. P.	G. F. P.
Robinson	4 0 8	Downing	9 1 19
Berenson	8 0 16	Perette	2 0 4
Steiner	3 2 8	Banoff	0 0 0
Richardson	4 0 8	Oelckers	5 1 11
Overton	1 1 3	Scanga	10 0 20
King	0 0 0	Albert	3 0 4
		Koenig	10 2 22
Totals	20 3 43	Totals	38 4 80

(At Brooklyn Tech)		SHOEWORKERS	
TR'NSPT AIRLINES	G. F. P.	Minter	10 0 20
Hunter	9 0 18	M.Abr'm'wz	5 1 11
Dunn	8 2 18	E.Abr'm'wz	0 0 0
Murtha	10 2 22	Alderman	1 1 3
Secker	1 0 2	Zacklin	3 0 6
Mature	13 4 30	Zucker	2 0 4
Dizinno	4 0 8	Cohen	2 1 5
		Weiss	2 1 5
Totals	45 8 98	Totals	25 4 54

supremely confident of another easy win and was caught cold by the driving inspired play of the department store quintet.

The big story was the way Fur's star, Herbie Robinson, was handcuffed to eight points by Andy Koenig, who led the winners with 22 markers. Only Jerry Berenson's 16 points resembled the usual dead-eye scoring potential of the Fur Floor boys.

And Koenig's great play wasn't the only factor which had the onlookers at Seward rubbing their eyes in disbelief. Gimbels' Joe Scanga, with 20 points, and Joe Downing, with 19, helped pace the winners to their great win. The outstanding floor game was played by Eddie Oelckers, whose consistent driving under the basket completely disrupted the Fur defense.

What an upset, indeed! And one that left only the Furriers Joint Board undefeated in the sixwing labor tourney.

ANOTHER GREAT game was racked up that night by the Transport Airlines club which rolled up a new scoring record in dumping the capable shoeworkers, 98-54. Tony Maturo's 30 points was high for the red-hot winners, his fast charging layups under the basket completely bamboozling the Shoeworkers. Bill Murtha hit for 22 and Herb Hunter and Mike Dunn each racked up 18 points to pace TWU.

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DuBois Illuminates African Question

THE WORLD AND AFRICA, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, 261 pp. Viking Press, New York, N. Y., \$3.00.

By JAMES W. FORD

DR. W. E. BURGHARDT DU BOIS is well known to the American public. An outstanding scholar and fighter for Negro rights, he is also known as an authority on the African question.

His new book, "The World and Africa," is a useful contribution to an explanation of Africa today. Africa and its peoples are entering upon the world arena on an unprecedented scale, and what Dr. DuBois writes acquires special significance because it adds enlightenment to this development.

The American public is not over informed on the simple facts about Africa life and it is less well informed about the basic relation of Africa to the world at large. On this point "The World and Africa" is of special interest, and the author makes some extremely pertinent observations here.

"It was Karl Marx," the author asserts, "who made the unanswerable charge of the sources of capitalism in African slavery." (P. 56) This is the core of the problem which is treated. One cannot explain otherwise, the more than four years of the African slave trade and the resultant exploitation of the Negro peoples throughout the world, than as the consequence of "the rosy dawn of the era of capitalist production" and the primitive accumulation on which world imperialism was built. Here one finds the real basis of interest of American Negroes in the African question.

Here also is the touchstone of interest of the European and American working class and the consequent relationship of the European and American trade union movements to the struggles of African labor.

Dr. DuBois quite rightly observes that Nordic ideology and distorted history about Africa

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tural traditions and historical past of Africa.

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But not to any comparable extent was this the case in Africa, following upon the destruction of its old social forms. Does this facilitate or hinder the further growth of the national movements in Europe, of a democratic anti-fascist coalition in America?

Dr. DuBois makes a comprehensive review of the various peoples of middle and central Africa and also of Egypt and Ethiopia. He affirms that these patterns represent "as great a physical variety as Europe and Asia." He says that there is "no one African race and no one Negro type."

The author shows a variety of national cultures at different levels of development. He also shows that primitive cultural efforts were associated with the means of economic existence and that they resembled similar developments in Europe.

The author asserts that it is contradictory to separate the highly developed cultures of Egypt and Ethiopia from Africa as a whole.

Dr. DuBois concludes his general survey with these words: "Despite the crude and cruel motives behind her shame and exposure, her degradation and enslavement, the fire and freedom of black Africa, with the uncured might of her consort Asia, are indispensable to the fertilizing of the universal soil of mankind."

The proponents of fascism and national enslavement are continuing the march of Hitlerism in Africa. "The World and Africa" will do its part in removing the ideology of racism and ignorance about Africa and its past.

The main emphasis of "The World and Africa" is on the cul-

Vet Actors to Cheer Wounded and GIs

Steve Allison, production assistant of Call Me Mister, has organized a stock company with the cast of the ex-GI musical hit for the purpose of entertaining at hospitals and cantinas.

'Angel and Sinner' A 'Must' Picture

A "must" picture has come out the invading enemy are sharply etched.

The acting is uniformly good, with Michelene Presle particularly believable as the lady of easy virtue whose vague feelings about her country turn into burning hatred of the ravishing invader and an identification with the people's partisan forces.

A highlight is the dramatic reading of the artist of Victor Hugo's impassioned plea for the people to take over and drive out the invader.

—L.R.

Other Critics On 'Angel and Sinner'

Joe Pihodna, Herald-Tribune: What could easily have been a burlesque for home consumption turns out to be a film with a universal message.

J. T. McManus, PM: De Maupassant's sardonic sidelight on the Franco-Prussian war unquestionably stands enhanced in its film version.

E.J.B., Times: While not a major Gallic work, it has a spice and sparkle that will charm many moviegoers

Eileen Creelman, Sun: An amusing picture with strong Gallic seasoning.

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UE Tells Off Ball, Taft At Red-Bait Hearing

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Leaders of the CIO United Electrical Workers today hit back at red-baiting by Senators Joseph Ball (R-Minn) and Robert Taft (R-O). UE president Albert Fitzgerald said he would not favor any union rules denying Communists the right to hold office, because "I'm opposed to setting up second class citizenship."

Any provision that discriminates against political beliefs, he said, would violate the U. S. and union constitutions.

"We've probably been called Communist more than any other organization, probably because we do such a good job in representing our members. We're not dictated to by anyone," he added.

Fitzgerald explained his union revoked the charter of a Bridgeport, Conn., local because two of its officers had arbitrarily ordered the expulsion of 27 "Communists." This was done in violation of the union constitution, which forbids discrimination because of national origin, color, creed or political belief.

SIX UNIONS APPEAR

Leaders of five other CIO unions also testified today—oil, textile, rubber, food and clothing—but it was the UE, third largest CIO affiliate and one of the most successful—that provided the fireworks.

The labor spokesmen condemned union-busting measures, demanded

UOPWA Protests Bar On Union Testimony

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—White collar workers today protested the refusal of the Senate Labor Committee to grant time for testimony to their organization, the CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

Some 150 office workers from Boston to Chicago converged on the capitol.

A statement by UOPWA president Lewis Merrill was filed.

a stronger Wagner Act, backed up CIO President Philip Murray's testimony and drew admissions from Taft and Ball that some of the proposals went too far.

While the Senators announced they would revise those sections it was clear they still intended to weaken unions and strengthen the hand of employers.

CALL IT LIES

UE secretary-treasurer Julius Emspak described red-baiting of the UE and its officers as "lies and slanders promoted by adventurers in the labor movement and by employers."

Fitzgerald, Emspak and Director of Organization James Matles denied they were members of the Communist Party. Each was asked about Communist affiliations by Taft and Ball.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla) intervened to ask Matles if he had ever been associated with a fascist group.

Matles replied he had spent some time fighting fascism, that he would kill himself if he ever espoused such views.

The union leaders urged strengthening the Wagner Act to include criminal penalties against employers who defy the law.

Matles provided several examples of employers disregarding the National Labor Relations Board, refusing to negotiate with unions.

Petitions bearing 20,000 signatures from Dayton, O., were presented to Taft at the start of the hearing. They demanded low-cost housing, a just tax program, a fair employment practices law, anti-poll tax legislation and defeat of anti-labor laws.

Dollar's Buying Power Cut 15c in Year, Says Labor Dept.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The purchasing power of the dollar dropped by 15 cents in the year ended Jan. 15, Labor Department figures showed today.

The figures show the dollar today will buy goods and services which cost only 66 cents on Jan. 15, 1941.

In its first 1947 monthly consumer price survey, the Labor Department reported its cost of living index on Jan. 15 was 17.9 percent higher than a year before.

Some Labor Department sources believe the rise will continue steadily, though not rapidly, to a new high level by next June.

'TOOL OWNERS' DENIED CHARTER AS FASCISTIC

The New York State Board of Standards and Appeals yesterday refused a charter to the "Tool Owners Union" and declared it was a "fascistic" organization.

The outfit had been operating under a Delaware charter and had filed papers in New York. Both the AFL and CIO opposed issuing a charter.

In a decision read by the board's general counsel, Francis J. Wazeter, the agency declared "no more fascistic organization with all the potentialities for undemocratic action and damage to our way of life has yet come before the official attention of this board."

It noted that the head of the organization, Allen W. Rucker, made all the decisions himself. The board barred the group from using the word union.

The New York Times and other big newspapers have printed full-page anti-union ads signed by the "Tool Owners Union."

"Organized labor and the working man who looks to his union for leadership have a right to protect the use of the word union," the decision stated.

It noted that the group directed its appeal "to the mass emotion of the great middle class in time of stress" and compared Rucker's methods to those of Hitler.

The decision was concurred in by the board's three members, William H. Roberts, Judge H. Myron Lewis and R. M. Fisher.

Negro Limited To 2 Minutes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A Negro worker who had left a tobacco plant in Winston-Salem, N. C., to tell the Senate Labor Committee what she thinks of anti-union legislation today was limited to two minutes of testimony.

Although the Senate group has been listening to corporation representatives slander labor for weeks, it has been crowding union spokesmen.

When it came time for Miranda Smith, International Board member of the CIO Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers, to give her views, chairman Robert Taft (R-O), said she could have two minutes.

"It may take me a little longer," Miss Smith explained.

"Two minutes is all you have," Taft replied sharply.

Miss Smith said:

"Before the union came we did not know much about the four freedoms," she said. "Now we are able to practice and enjoy some of these freedoms."

GOP Out to Gut Wage-Hour Law Today

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Quick passage of the Gwynne bill emasculating the Fair Labor Standards Act is expected tomorrow when the House convenes at 11 a.m. Final action on the measure was postponed after nearly four hours of debate in which progressive Democrats condemned the bill's sponsors for attempting to "cut the heart out of minimum wage laws" under the guise of limiting portal to portal suits.

Rep. Mary Norton (D-NJ) former chairman of the House Labor Committee, absent during much of last year because of illness, returned to the fight to make an eloquent plea for the measure's defeat.

"The emphasis on portal to portal claims is concealing the issue of wages and hours involved in this bill," she said. The definition of "work" included in the bill applies

not only to the Fair Labor Standards Act but also to the Walsh-Healy and the Bacon-Davis Acts, she asserted.

The Fair Labor Standards Act establishes minimum wages of 40 cents an hour and maximum hours of 40 per week in interstate industries. The latter two laws fix a standard of working conditions in plants holding government contracts.

Defining "work" as whatever exists on "custom and practice" means "the complete destruction of minimum wages," she said.

"It leaves the unorganized at the mercy of employers. Whatever they choose to pay shall become the legal pay."

Five Democrats, led by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY) issued a blast against the bill in the form of a minority report. Signing the report, besides Celler, were William T. Byrne (NY), Thomas J. Lane

(Mass.), Martin Gorski (Ill.), and Michael Feighan (Ohio).

The minority report pointed out the bill would ban all travel time suits and, in addition, would prevent filing of claims for back pay due for time spent in checking machinery, taking inventory, repairing, oiling and washing machines, sharpening tools and other chores executed for the employers' benefit.

Rep. Arthur Klein (D-NY) assailed the one-year statute of limitations imposed by the bill. Under this provision, workers could file no claims for back pay due them under Federal statutes if they did not act within a year after they were wronged.

Klein pointed out that "many workers are not fully informed of their rights under the law. Frequently they have to depend on discovery of violations by the wage-hour administrator before they are aware of their rights. Most workers are unorganized and are not readily informed. Due to the small

staff of the Wage-Hour Administrator, he is not likely to get around to all violations within a year."

Other speakers criticized a provision which absolves an employer of any guilt if he acted "in good faith" on the basis of some court order of "off hand" comment of some member of the Wage-Hour staff.

The minority report was especially critical of the provision that the employer must be proved guilty of acting "in bad faith" before damages can be collected.

Rep. Kenneth Keating (R-NY) and Rep. Edward J. Devitt (R-Minn) both freshmen congressmen, expressed dissatisfaction with some provisions of the bill and announced their intention to offer amendments. Keating would increase the statute of limitations from one to three years, and Devitt would eliminate this "good faith" clause.

Republicans expressed confidence, however, that the measure would pass with few changes.

BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

(Continued from Page 1)

and Communists that this country has witnessed in recent times. . . .

TOWN TALK

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor biography is being peddled around the movie studios. Asking price—\$600,000. Monstrous, but true. . . .

Mary Pickford negotiating for a theatre to be put up in the 50s on Sixth Ave.—oh—there we go again—Avenue of the Americas. Theatre to be named after herself—but of course. . . .

Joan Blondell and Mike Todd together again. . . .

Jerome Chodorkov and Jerome Robbins in Hollywood talking over a musical comedy deal. . . .

Robert Alda, who played the Gershwin role in *Rhapsody in Blue*, beefing about the scripts Warner Brothers are dishing out to him. He'd like to get out from under, but contract still has a year to go. . . .

A major Hollywood outfit is scouting Florida sites for a studio there. . . .

Horace Heidt retiring from retirement to come back as an orchestra leader soon. . . .

Richard Wagner and his music will be featured in Paramount's coming production tentatively titled *Midnight King*. . . .

As Young as You Feel, the American Youth for Democracy show, has a comer in its cast—Artie Torg. He pantomimes 'em in the aisles as *The Man Who Read Westbrook Pegler*. Television people are after him. . . .

LaGuardia has begged off that *Opera Quiz* show. George Marek will sub. . . .

Dick Harrity, whom everybody fell in love with when he tangled with Fulton Lewis Jr., after that Elliott Roosevelt broadcast, has finished his play *Dog-Face Sonata*. It's about non-combat GIs in Panama and the race prejudice problem. . . .

That Vox Pop radio show (*Lipton Tea*) pulled a raw one the other night. Show is supposed to feature casual interviews with people in hotel lobbies, etc. The other night, however, they very obviously dragged in Dennis MacAvoy, Jr., manager of the Tokyo edition of Reader's Digest.

Junior then let go with a long plug for Reader's Digest in which he bragged that his rag would reach 3,000,000 circulation in Japan. Also a plug for MacArthur and an apology for his occupation policies. When I was in Japan, MacArthur was doing everything he could to spread the Reader's Digest poison around there. But why afflict American radio listeners? . . .

Writer Walter Bernstein and movie actor Sterling Hayden among those decorated by the Yugoslav government with the Order of Partisan second class. Bernstein marched with the Partisans during the war and wrote those thrilling articles about them for *Yank*. Hayden, when a Marine, ran supplies from Italy to the Partisans. . . .

Laszlo Halasz, musical director of the City Center Theatre, is trying to sell Chicago authorities the same idea—a city auditorium for popular priced ballet, theatre and musical events. . . .

Many top band leaders are cooking up picture deals to escape the current band slump. . . .

Jack Gullford of *Meet the People* fame, recuperating from an operation at the Swedish Hospital in Brooklyn. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

The New York Post is also squeezing its Classified Department—afflicting 13 people. Five have already been dropped. The Guild will contest. . . .

Virgil Thompson, New York Herald Tribune's music critic, will score the music for the late Gertrude Stein's opera, *The Mother of Us All*, completed just before her death. Thompson dittoed for her *Four Saints in Three Acts*. . . .

"Life," "Look" and many other so-called smart magazines fell for one of the oldest and corniest publicity gags.

They ran a picture showing Marie Montez getting friendly with a leopard cub so it wouldn't claw her in her new picture *"Atlantis"*.

There is no leopard cub in the "Atlantis" script! . . .

See you Monday.

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